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1. THE FRENCH MADE TWO STATEMENTS (REFTEL PARA 3) ABOUT THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE CYRIL BATH PRESS. IN ORDER TO RESPOND, COMMERCE CONTACTED CB TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THE FRENCH STATEMENTS. THE FRENCH ARE CORRECT REGARDING THE CLAMPING OF HONEYCOMB AND THE FACT THAT THE STRETCHER JAWS FOLLOW A SPECIAL GEOMETRIC PATH TO AVOID CRUSHING A HONEYCOMB PANEL. THEREFORE, AS WE HAVE STATED EARLIER, HONEYCOMB COULD BE FORMED IN THIS PRESS IF DESIRED. HOWEVER, OUR EXPERTS BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT ANY PURCHASER WOULD USE THE CB MACHINE FOR THIS PURPOSE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A CRUDE METHOD TO SHAPE HONEYCOMB, CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVEN THE FACT THAT SPECIAL PRESSES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED EXPRESSLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IN REGARD TO THE USE OF INFRA-RED DEVICES FOR HEATING PANELS (PARA 4 REFTEL), NO SUCH ITEMS WERE SPECIFIED BY THE SOVIETS AND NONE WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH THE CYRIL BATH PRESS. ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE SUCH HEATING METHODS MIGHT

BE UTILIZED, U.S. INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE DOES NOT ENTAIL THE STRETCH DRAW FORMING OF HEATED SHEETS. INDEED, U.S. TECHNICIANS ARE PUZZLED BUT INTERESTED IN THE EFFICIENCY AND PRACTICALITY OF INFRA-RED HEATING OF METALS TO BE STRETCHED DRAWN. COULD THE FRENCH ELABORATE, OR AT LEAST DESCRIBE WHAT PROMPTED THEIR ASKING THIS QUESTION?

3. WE ARE STILL AWAITING INFORMATION ON END USE/END USER FROM AVTOPROMIMPORT. VANCE

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